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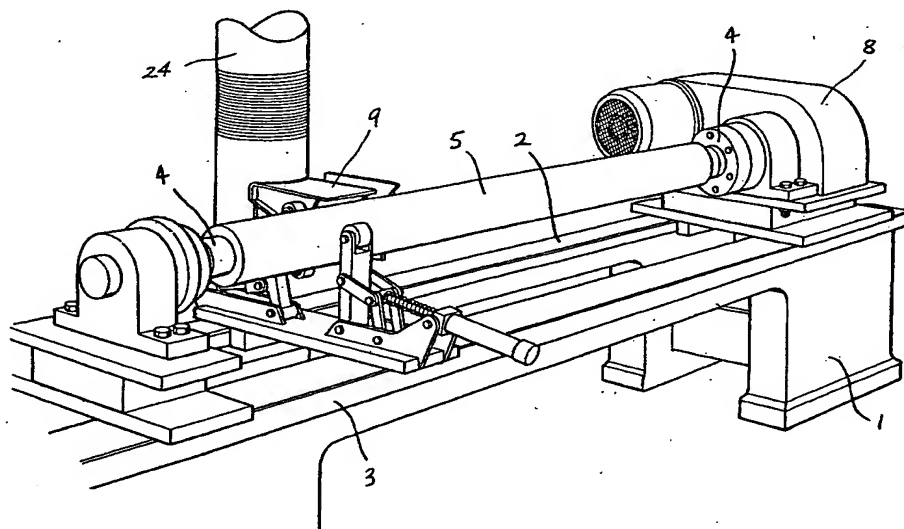
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(57) Abstract: A fibre reinforced cement (FRC) tubular body having a wall thickness to outer diameter ratio of less than around 0.050, preferably 0.035. A lathe assembly and method for forming an elongate tubular body, such as said FRC tubular body, is also claimed, said lathe assembly including: an elongate base (1); a pair of chucks (4) located at opposite longitudinal ends of said base (1), said chucks (4) being configured to engage opposite longitudinal ends of the tubular body; two or more lateral supports (11, 12, 17) connected to said base to support the tubular body at two or more support locations between its ends; drive means (8) for rotating the body about a longitudinal axis; and a profiling tool (9) connected to the base and engageable to machine or profile an outer circumferential surface of the tubular body.

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